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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified patent application prior to substantive examination.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims 10-18:

*Sub 10*  
-10 (New). A device for clamping and ablating cardiac tissue comprising:

a first handle member;

a second handle member;

*Al*  
first and second mating jaw members associated with the first and second handle members, respectively, the jaw members each